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SUBJ: LOS: EVENSEN SMALL MEETING, PROCEDURE FOR MAY SESSION

REF: A. GENEVA 664, B. GENEVA 744

1. SUMMARY: MORNING SESSION FEB 3 WAS DEVOTED TO PROCEDURE FOR MAY NEW YORK SESSION. MAIN OUTCOME WAS CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FOR THE IDEA THAT THE WORK ON FIRST COMMITTEE QUESTIONS, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO OCCUPY THE FIRST TWO OR THREE WEEKS OF THE SESSION, COULD BE BEST DONE IN AN INFORMAL NEGOTIATING GROUP OF HEADS OF DELEGATION CHAIRED BY CONFERENCE PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING DISCUSSION OF PROCEDURES FOR THE MAY NEW YORK SESSION VIRTUALLY ALL SPEAKERS SUPPORTED THE GENERAL WORK PLAN OUTLINED BY THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AT THE END OF THE LAST SESSION: THAT THE FIRST 2 OR 3 WEEKS SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO COMMITTEE ONE AT THE HEAD OF
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DELEGATION LEVEL WITH THE GOAL OF ENABLING THE PRESIDENT OR THE CONFERENCE, AMERASINGHE, TO PREPARE A CONSOLIDATED TEXT.

3. ALL SPEAKERS WHO ADDRESSED THE ISSUE (INCLUDING U.S.) AGREED THAT THE PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE I IN THE LAST NEW YORK SESSION (I.E., WORKSHOP WITH

TWO CO-CHAIRMEN) HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL AND SHOULD BE CHANGED. IDEA EMERGED IN THE DISCUSSION, RAISED FIRST BY CHILE REP (ZEGERS) AND THEN SOV REP (ROMANOV) THAT C-I ISSUES MIGHT BE DEALT WITH IN PLENARY SESSION CHAIRED BY AMERASINGHE. THIS CONCEPT WAS REFINED BY MEXICAN REP (CASTONEDA) WHO PROPOSED A LESS FORMAL PROCEDURE WHEREBY AMERASINGHE WOULD SIMPLY CHAIR AN OPEN-ENDED INFORMAL WORKING GROUP (PERHAPS SO INFORMAL AS TO BE CALLED ONLY CONSULTATIONS COMPOSED OF HEADS OF DELEGATION.

4. THIS PROPOSAL RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM REPS FROM CHILE, UK, PERU AND CANADA. U.S. REP (BOERNER) SAID THE IDEA WAS PERSONALLY APPEALING TO HIM BUT THAT IT WAS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL OPTIONS ON PROCEDURE WHICH THE U.S. WOULD NEED TO REVIEW, INCLUDING FULL-SCALE COMMITTEE I SESSIONS OR, ALTERNATIVELY, INFORMAL OFF-THE-RECORD PLENARY SESSIONS. SOVS (ROMONOV) SAID THEY PREFERRED INFORMAL PLENARY, BUT MIGHT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT INFORMAL WORKING GROUP. CAUTIONARY NOTE WAS SOUNDED BY NETHERLANDS REP (SANDAAL) WHO AGREED COMMITTEE I WORKSHOP AT LAST SESSION HAD NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND ENDORSED IDEA GENERALLY, BUT SAID HE FEARED THAT IF THE AMERASINGHE GROUP WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL AND THE C-I ISSUE HAD TO BE REFERRED BACK TO THE FIRST COMMITTEE IT WOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT ON THE CONFERENCE.

5. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT FOR THIS PROCEDURE
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TO WORK THE COMMITTEE I CHAIRMAN, ENGO, WOULD HAVE TO BE INVOLVED IN SOME WAY. SOV REP (ROMANOV) SUGGESTED PERHAPS ENGO COULD BE ENCOURAGED TO REQUEST ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE THAT PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE ASSUME THE CHAIR OF THE SPECIAL C-I GROUP. CANADIAN REP (LAPOINTE) NOTED THAT THEORETICALLY COMMITTEE I COULD CONTINUE TO MEET SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE SPECIAL GROUP, RECALLING THAT A SIMILAR PROCEDURE HAD BEEN USED BEFORE WHEN EVENSEN HAD CHAIRED A SPECIAL GROUP ON COMMITTEE II.

6. EVENSEN SAID HE WOULD CONVEY THE IDEA OF INFORMAL WORKING GROUP TO AMERASINGHE. HE NOTED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT AMERASINGHE WAS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THE FEB 28 - MARCH 11 EVENSEN MEETING, AND SUGGESTED ISSUE COULD PERHAPS BE ADDRESSED MORE DEFINITELY AT THAT TIME.
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